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Happy Purim

Purim is one of my favourite holidays as I enjoy baking hamentashen and distributing them to family and friends. Several years ago I stopped buying new baskets or plates for my *mishloach manot* and started hunting in opp shops for old glass plates and bowls. The site [Canfei Nesharim](#) has ten tips for an environmentally-friendly Purim.

You can now make an online tax deductible donation to JECO at <http://www.givenow.com.au/jeco>.

JECO is on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/JECO.AUS>.

Calendar

Sunday, 02 March, Clean Up Australia Day

Join a clean up site in your area. Take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. Join at <http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join/>.

Wednesday, 12 March, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Free Public Lecture, Reinventing Growth Without Pollution, Can India find answers?

Read more at <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/3747-reinventing-growth-without-pollution-can-india-find-answers>.

Wednesday, 19 March, Ride2School Day

In its eight year, Ride2School Day encourages students to get to school by bike, scooter, skates or foot. Read more at <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/ride2school/43455/>.

Saturday night, 29 March, Earth Hour

Join millions of people world wide and switch off your lights for one hour. Read more at <http://www.earthhour.org/join-the-hour>.

News

Six Global Transformations Reshaping the World

The Google Earth Engine Team has created time lapse maps that show such trends as urbanisation and deforestation. See these at

<http://www.businessinsider.com.au/biggest-global-changes-2014-2>.

Getting Back to Nature

Listen to Richard Louv, the author of "The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of Nature-Deficit Disorder". Listen at <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/saturdayextra/getting-back-to-nature/5272066>.

Israeli Folding Electric Car

The perfect urban car that folds to the size of a motorcycle when parked. Read

more at <http://nocamels.com/2014/01/this-electric-city-car-can-fold-to-the-size-of-a-motorcycle/>.

What's happening in your shtetl

Glen Eira

Talk and demonstration on electric cars and bikes

Sunday, March 30, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Caulfield Cup Room, Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Road

More info: Sustainability education officer, Phone: 9524 3333

Port Phillip

She Spoke: South Side Women on Wheels

March - May 2013

Events to promote women's participation in bike riding.

More info: <http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/bike-riding-activities.htm>

Stonnington

Backyard Bee Keeping

Sunday, 23 or 30 March, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Register online at <http://www.stonningtonbookingform.com.au/> or call 8290 1333.

Bayside

Gould League's Family Fun Day

Sunday, 16 March, 11:00 - 2:00 pm, 4 Genoa St, Moorabbin

More info: <http://www.gouldleagueevents.com/>

Boroondara

Integrated Pest Management

Tuesday, 4 March, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

An introduction to chemical free edible gardening.

Book at <http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/environment/living-for-our-future> or phone 9278 4873.

Frankston

Solar Panel Information Session

Wednesday, 12 March, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Mahogany Community Centre, 26 Mahogany Avenue Frankston North

For more info: environment@frankston.vic.gov.au or phone 9768 1628

Green Tip

Dry used tea leaves in the sun and then burn them in an incense burner to repel mosquitoes.

You should do your own appraisal of products and services reported. JECO cannot take any responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided.

The JECO Committee welcomes input to and comments about JECO eNews.

JECO works to deepen the Jewish community's commitment to caring for the earth. We believe there is a religious as well as a moral obligation to protect the environment. To this end we work with Jewish, secular and multi-faith groups in supporting activities that promote sustainability.

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